



THE DISTRICT DIGEST

RANDOLPH COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

GREETINGS RANDOLPH COUNTY PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

I'm so thrilled to share the hard work we've been doing in the Randolph County School System. There are so many new and exciting things coming our way, and I will be sharing this information with you through the District Digest. Listed below are some of our most recent highlights:

Ø The roofing portion of our K-12 project has been completed. This was a major task for the contractor, considering the entire roof was replaced.

Ø The district hit their highest percentage of on-time graduates with an 87.5% graduation rate, which is higher than the state average.

Ø During the months of December and January, the school system received \$155,000.00 in grants, including \$5000.00 from the new Dollar General in Shellman for our literacy program. A large portion of the grant monies are from a rural technology grant and a rural safety grant that I applied for in the Fall. The funds will be used as follows: \$50,000.00 to assist with creating robotic teams for grades K thru 12, \$40,000.00 for additional safety lights and security cameras, \$7,000.00 for 2-way radios, \$3000.00 for classroom emergency kits, and \$50,000.00 to update the network infrastructure cabling to accommodate more devices.

Ø The literacy bus will start making stops in the community. The schedule will be posted on the district and schools' websites.

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Tangela Madge, Ed.D.

Superintendent



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TURBO DOGS!!!

The Randolph County "Turbo Dogs" were courageous in their endeavor to compete in the First Lego League Regional competition on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Spencer High School in Columbus, Georgia. We are very proud of our very own "Turbo Bulldogs" for accepting the challenge and becoming trail blazers to inspire future generations in hopes of keeping with the tradition to consistently work hard and seek greatness. Although our journey came to an end, we will continue to aspire for greatness. Our confidence is not contingent upon a victory; it is ingrained in us to always strive for the best! We would like to thank our parents, teachers, administrators and peers for all of your support!!!

UPCOMING DATES

PBIS celebrations for all schools!

- African American author to come and share with students - TBA (RCES)
- Feb. 14th
District Spelling Bee (RCES)
- Feb. 16th
Literacy Night (RCES)
- Feb. 21st
HBCU Day (RCHS)
- Feb. 22nd
All Black Day (RCHS)
- Feb. 23rd
Dress for Success Day (RCHS)
- Feb. 24th
Red and White Ball (during school hours) (RCES)
- Feb. 24th
Black History Programs (RCMS/RCHS)
- Feb 27th
Parent Night (RCMS)



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What's happening in BULLDOG COUNTRY!...

Readers are Leaders Field Trip

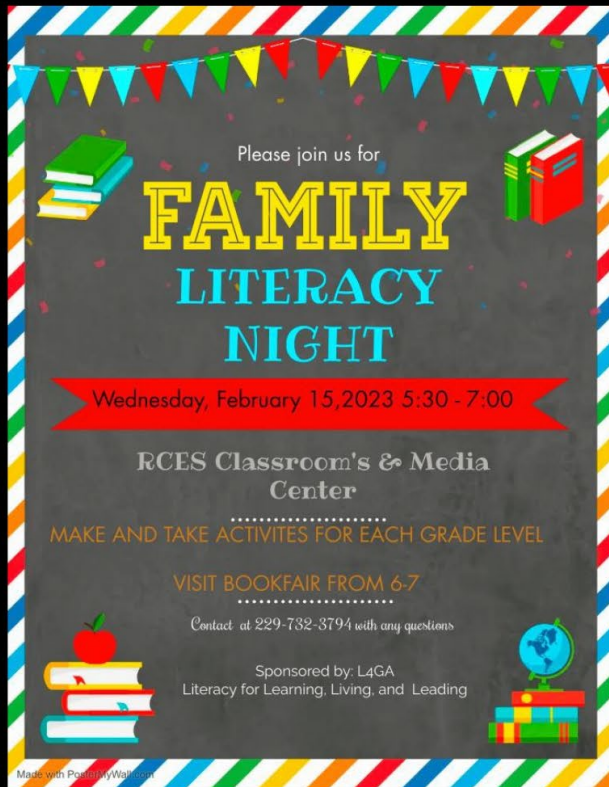
Randolph County Elementary School (R.C.E.S.) had the privilege of taking five students from each grade level (1st-5th) with the highest word counts to celebrate in Columbus, Georgia, on Friday, January 20th.



The students began their day downtown at Columbus State University's theater with a play, Last Stop on Market Street. After the play, the students met the cast members, and were encouraged to continue excelling in reading. Then we had lunch at Chick-fil-A. Lastly, we visited Barnes and Noble. The students were given a tour of the store, sipped on complimentary cold Frappuccino's and warm cocoa while listening to two amazing read-alouds. Through funds from the Literacy for Learning, Leading and Living in Georgia Grant (L4GA) awarded to the district, the students were provided \$50 each to purchase books for their at-home libraries.

This was a great day, filled with lots of reading and book magic!

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ROTARY READS!!

Randolph County Elementary School welcomes Rotary members into classrooms to read an array of carefully selected books purchased by the Cuthbert Rotary Club. This day, deemed Rotary Reads, is the Club Projects Committee & #39's literacy outreach and educational effort in the community. We have been fortunate to have been a part of this initiative for the past four years. The Rotarians, Mr.

Dennis, and Mrs. Debbie, visit the first-grade classrooms. They were introduced to their new students and immediately began bonding and forming those relationships that make this initiative so powerful. The Rotarians read *Love, from the Crayons*, and each student received a copy of the book to take home to add to their personal library. Our Rotarians, along with this initiative, are setting the foundation for continued reading and learning, a fact that Rotary Reads knows and takes to heart.



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THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE!!

Hats off to Ms. Jacquetta Johnson, (Media Specialist at RCES) Ms. Jonson worked tirelessly to ensure that the book fair was a success. She not only exceeded the goal, but she tripled the number of sales from last year which guarantees that the school will have a full Book Fair in 2024! CONGRATULATIONS Ms. Jonson for your hard work and dedication!!!



NATIONAL COUNSELOR WEEK

The RCES Bulldogs celebrated their counselor Ms. McCloud for National Counselors Week Feb 6-10, 2023. Thank you for all the wonderful things you do for the students and staff at RCES!



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RCMS A/AB Honor Roll Students



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CONGRATULATIONS JAMIR DANIELS!

Congratulations for being chosen as the recipient of The Duke University's Pre College Program this summer. The program provides advanced academic opportunities and an intro to the college experience for students currently in grades 6-11. This is a 2 week program where students will live on campus and take classes.

6th grade - Kailin Coleman & Coreyana Davis

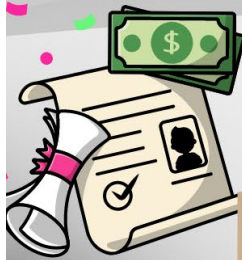
7th grade - Tamara Henry & Madison Johnson

8th grade - William Green & DeCariya Ivory

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



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Reach Scholarship Winners Signing Day



**REACH Georgia is a needs-based mentoring and scholarship program providing promising students the support to graduate from high school and achieve postsecondary success. Each student will receive 10,000 dollars toward tuition to the college of their choice. The student must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
Congratulations to you all!!!!**



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National School Counseling Week



National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. On this day we celebrated our school counselor, Jeanette Burks. We appreciate your dedication to our students. National School Counseling week is observed from February 6-10, 2023. The theme this year is Helping Students Dream BIG and it's designed to promote your counseling program. Although it's nice to get gifts, thoughtful notes, and food, NSW is designed to clear up confusion about the role of the counselor. This is the week where we advocate for our programs, events, and role.

We wear many hats and sometimes teachers, students, admin, or families don't know what school counselors do.

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THE BAND IS BACK!

The Randolph-Clay High/Randolph County Middle Marching Band is on the move. Under the leadership of Mr. Myron Grimes (Band Director) the students are not only learning to read music, but they are also learning showmanship, character, and discipline. (pictured are 8th grade band members)



School Spirit

#yearbook

RCHS

2022-2023

YEARBOOKS

ARE
AVAILABLE

\$50

PRE ORDER TODAY!

YEARBOOK



RESERVE NOW WITH A \$25 DEPOSIT TOTAL PAYMENT DUE MARCH 17, 2023

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In honor of Black history month, Randolph-Clay students held a Health and Wellness Fair where they disseminated information about stress, diabetes, and suicide prevention. The aspiring student nurses did blood pressure readings, and weight. The South Ga. Stars gave Healthy snacks to the participants. Great job!



WHAT'S COOKING.....

The RCCHS Cafeteria Staff supporting the students by wearing red and preparing healthy meals daily.



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The DECA club opened its store for marketing. The children put their skills of marketing into action. They have lots of items for purchase in The Store during every home game! So stop by and show your RED PRIDE DEEP INSIDE!!!



Keeyon Battle (Assistant Principal at Randolph County Middle School and Head Varsity Boys' Coach) and his basketball staff took members from the Varsity and Middle School Basketball Teams to watch East Tennessee State University play the University of Georgia In Athens, GA. "It was a great experience for all parties involved; one of our team bonding activities. The joy on some of these kids' faces was priceless. I'm so blessed to have a great group of young men. Most importantly their dedication and behavior makes me want to take them to many more places. The future is bright in this community!"

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THE DYNAMIC DUO'S.....

Let me reintroduce the soldiers who protect and serve our students every day! They dawn the halls of Randolph County Schools proudly with their breast plates of leadership, shields of knowledge, and armor of compassion. Some are principals by day, and coaches by night! But they are all true servant leaders!!!



Traci Price
RCES Principal



Alvin Williams
RCES Asst.
Principal



Elizabeth
Knighton RCMS
Principal



Keyyon Battle
RCMS
Principal/Head
Varsity Boys
Basketball



Zelda White
RCHS Principal



Shebbie Williams
Asst. Principal

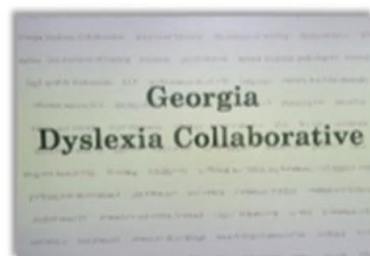


Charles Truitt- RCHS
Varsity Football/RCHS
Asst. Principal

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February 3, 2023



Weekly Glance

What We've Been Working On

The MTSS Coordinators, Special Ed Director, and Literacy Specialist traveled to Athens, GA to attend the Georgia Dyslexia Collaborative hosted by G-CASE.

Did you know:

- some experts state that **up to 20%** of the general population has dyslexia,
- students with dyslexia **DO NOT** see letters backwards,
- there is a continuum of severity with dyslexia,
- the *underlying cause* for dyslexia **IS NOT** a problem with reading comprehension, and
- not all students with dyslexia should be evaluated & qualify for special education services?

REQUIREMENT

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, LEAs shall, at a minimum, annually conduct a Universal Screening of all students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 for characteristics of Dyslexia and may screen students for Other Disorders.

You can't RTI or SpEd your way out of ineffective Tier I instruction.



RCES

MAP Growth was celebrated with a field trip to Launch Trampoline Park in Columbus. Sixty-eight students meeting their **MOY** (Middle of the Year) growth goal in Reading and Math attended the field trip.

RCMS

'The Middle' is **PROUD** to announce the two-week college visitation at Duke University for Jamir Daniels (8th gr). Jamir wrote an essay and was selected to represent RCHS. **CONGRATS!!**

RCHS

The Parents' Night Out & Honor Celebration was a success! Students were given another opportunity to showcase their talents and academic successes as their peers facilitated the program. Carlissa Baldwin will represent RCHS during her two-week visitation to Duke Univ. **CONGRATS!**



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Hello everyone!

I am Trina Sherman. The District Climate Specialist, and Editor of The District Digest. I am here to connect the dots between the community and schools. The purpose of the newsletter IS to keep you informed of all the wonderful things the schools are doing to help you find where you fit in. (partnering, volunteering, sponsorships) So, let's talk.....

LETS TALK

Thoughts



Involvement



Partnerships



**You are
essential to the
future of this
school system!**

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